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SUMMARY. JUNE 26 PRESS CONTINUES EXPECT "DECISIVE"
AMERICAN ACTION ON PEACE PROCESS. EGYPT AWAITING RESULTS.
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS CENTRAL; THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE
DEAL. ISRAELI "INTRANSIGENCE" HIGHLIGHTED BY ISRAELI
CABINET'S REJECTION OF SADAT'S PROPOSAL REGARDING WEST
BANK AND GAZA. PRESS CONVEYS IMPRESSION THAT GOE HAS
DONE WHAT IT CAN IN PEACE PROCESS AND RESPONSIBILITY
FOR KEEPING PROCESS GOING RESTS WITH ISRAEL AND USG.
END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. MOVES. GUMHURIYYA JUNE 25 CLAIMS U.S. HAS
NOT PUT "SERIOUS" PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. HOWEVER,
DISSATISFACTION WITH ISRAELI ANSWERS AND FACT THAT
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PRESIDENT CARTER, VP MONDALE AND SECRETARY VANCE NOW
PERSONALLY INVOLVED VIEWED AS SIGN THAT USG WILL NOW BE
MORE DECISIVE.

2. EGYPTIAN DIPLOMACY DEFENDED. AKHBAR SAYS EGYPT
MOVING WITH "AWARENESS AND EFFICIENCY" TO PUSH PEACE
PROCESS FORWARD, WITH "PRINCIPLED AND UNCHANGED" POSI-

TION ON CENTRALITY PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. PAPER EMPHASIZES THERE WILL BE NO "SEPARATE DEAL" WITH ISRAEL; REJECTION-ISTS ARE "ISOLATED FROM REALITY" AND FROM THIS "CRITICAL STAGE" OF ARAB STRUGGLE.

3. ISRAELI "INTRANSIGENCE". AKHBAR JUNE 25 RED BANNER HEADLINES LONDON SUNDAY TIMES "SEVERE ATTACK" ON BEGIN, ACCUSING HIM OF AVOIDING PEACE AND TRYING TO MAKE INITIATIVE FAIL THROUGH ANSWERS TO AMERICAN QUESTIONS. TIED TO THIS, PAPER NOTES ISRAELI CABINET REJECTION OF SADAT'S PROPOSAL FOR TEMPORARY RETURN OF WEST BANK TO JORDAN AND GAZA TO EGYPT.

4. COMMENT. PRESS CONTINUES THEME THAT AMERICAN ACTION IS EXPECTED AND NECESSARY, WHILE CONVEYING IMPRESSION EGYPT HAS DONE ALL IT CAN TO SOLVE THE ROOT PROBLEM OF THE CONFLICT (PALESTINE), NOTWITHSTANDING REJECTIONIST CRITICISM. EILTS

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